

# **AGENDA**

## **CITY OF NEWTON**



**April 5, 2016**

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF NEWTON**  
**NEWTON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**

**April 5, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

- |      |     |   |
|------|-----|---|
| Page | 1.  | <b><u>Call to Order – Mayor Anne P. Stedman</u></b>   |
|      | 2.  | <b><u>Opening – Council Member Wes Weaver</u></b>   |
| 1    | 3.  | <b><u>Approval of Minutes from the March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting</u></b>   |
|      | 4.  | <b><u>Consideration of Consent Agenda Items</u></b>   |
| 6    | A.  | Tax Releases  |
| 7    | B.  | Sewer Adjustments   |
| 8    | C.  | Consideration of Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2016   |
| 9    | D.  | Consideration of Proclamation – National Lineman Day – April 18, 2016   |
| 10   | E.  | Consideration of Proclamation – Volunteer Week – April 10-16, 2016  |
| 11   | F.  | Consideration of Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – April 10-16, 2016   |
| 12   | G.  | Consideration to Ratify Proclamation – Recognition of Vietnam Veterans  |
| 13   | H.  | Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment to Recognize Contributions for Parks and Recreation   |
| 22   | I.  | Consideration to Adopt a Budget Ordinance to Recognize Revenue and Authorize Expenditure Appropriation with the Police Department Budget                                  |
| 24   | J.  | Consideration of Appointment to Boards and Commissions – Parks and Recreation Commission  |
|      | 5.  | <b><u>Comments from the Public: (PERSONS WANTING TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING):</u></b> |
|      | 6.  | <b><u>Presentation – Teen Leadership</u></b>  |
|      | 7.  | <b><u>City Manager’s Report</u></b>   |
|      | 8.  | <b><u>Questions and Comments From Mayor and Council</u></b>   |
|      | A.  | Report from Appointed Representative on Outside Boards – Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver  |
|      | 9.  | <b><u>Closed Session to Consult with City Attorney - G.S. 143-318-11(a)(4) and G.S. 143-318-11(a)(5)</u></b>  |
|      | 10. | <b><u>Adjournment</u></b>   |

PERSONS WANTING TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM MUST SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING. PERSONS WANTING TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING MUST CONTACT THE CITY MANAGER AT LEAST SEVEN WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

The City of Newton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of its services as charged by the City Council of the City of Newton. All meetings are held in accessible facilities. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations should contact Teresa Laffon, ADA Coordinator, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**March 15, 2016 – 7 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Newton City Council was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Newton City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Anne P. Stedman, Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver and Council Members Tom Rowe, Wes Weaver, Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., and Jody Dixon

**ABSENT:** Council Member Jerry Hodge

**STAFF:** City Manager Todd Clark, City Clerk Amy S. Falowski, City Attorney John Cilley, City Department Heads and members of the management team

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Anne P. Stedman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**ITEM 2: OPENING Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr. provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Tom Rowe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Regular Minutes of the March 1, 2016 City Council meeting be –  
APPROVED

**ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., seconded by Council Member Tom Rowe, it was RESOLVED:

That the Consent Agenda be – APPROVED

- A. Sewer Adjustments
- B. Consideration of Proclamation – Arbor Day, April 30, 2016
- C. Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- D. Consideration of Acceptance of Donations for Police Explorer Program

(Ordinances, Resolutions and Proclamations are hereby referenced and on file in the Office of the City Clerk)

**ITEM 5: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: PEOPLE WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ARE ASKED TO SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

Mayor Anne P. Stedman asked if anyone present would like to make comment concerning non-agenda items.

Mr. Jason White, resident of 6<sup>th</sup> Street stated that there needs to be something done about speed control on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that there is a petition that has been turned in to the city. He explained that he has lived there for 3.5 years and that it is a wonderful place to live but he has concerns about the speed of traffic on the street when his kids are outside. He stated that he would love to see speed bumps added. Mr. White stated that he has worked with Mr. Fulbright and Mr. Williams and he hopes that something can be done.

Mayor Stedman stated that she appreciates Mr. Whites' comments, and that this petition will be brought to city council at an upcoming meeting.

Council Member Wes Weaver asked if the city has made the street a speed enforcement area. Major Tim Hayes stated that the police department has made it an enforcement area that is targeted often. Mr. Weaver asked if citations have been written. Major Hayes stated that some have, but not many. Mr. Weaver stated that he would like to see those numbers and that his concern is practicality. Mayor Stedman stated that it will all be brought to city council for consideration.

#### **ITEM 6:**        **Old Business**

##### **A. Presentation – Gateway Signage**

Planning Director Randy Williams gave a presentation concerning the proposed gateway signage for the city.

Mayor Stedman asked the projected time for the signage. Mr. Williams stated that easements need to be secured, and that he would like to have all that taken care of by the end of the fiscal year. Mayor Stedman thanked Mr. Williams for the presentation.

#### **ITEM 7:**        **New Business**

##### **A. Consideration of Fire Department SAFER Grant**

Fire Chief Kevin Yoder stated the fire department has previously applied to the federal government through the SAFER Grant for funding for additional personnel for firefighting purposes. He explained that previously this grant was a five year grant with a local match each of the first four years with the local unit committing to 100% of the funding in the fifth and final year, but that the grant has been modified to a two year grant with 100% funding in each of the two years with no obligation by the recipient following the two year period.

Chief Yoder stated that if awarded, the local unit would need to maintain current staffing levels throughout the duration of the grant, and that during the grant period the local unit can have no reduction in force in the fire department without forfeiting part or the entire grant.

Chief Yoder stated that if the council chooses to submit an application for funding for firefighting personnel, the recommendation of the staff is that the request be for six personnel, and that the justification for this funding request is to comply with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) minimum guidelines for the Fire Department.

Council Member Wes Weaver asked if the fire department has a volunteer program. Chief Yoder explained that in 2005 the city council changed the volunteer department to a reserve department.

Council Member Robert Abernethy asked if part timers would be considered for these jobs if the grant was awarded. Chief Yoder said absolutely. Mr. Abernethy asked how many times the city has been awarded this grant. Chief Yoder stated that they have not as yet been awarded this grant.

Chief Yoder discussed further the staffing requirements and protocol for fighting fires according to NFPA rules.

Council Member Weaver asked how long it would be until the city would find out if the grant is awarded. Chief Yoder stated that they start awarding in June and finish when they run out of money. Mr. Weaver asked if there was a chance that the city could be awarded less. Chief Yoder said that it is his understanding that it is all or nothing.

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, seconded by Council Member Tom Rowe, with Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr. voting in opposition, it was RESOLVED:

That Application of the Fire Department SAFER Grant be - APPROVED

B. Consideration of Change Order 4 (Final) for AMI

Public Works and Utilities Director Dusty Wentz stated that they utilities department is in the process of changing out water and electric meters as part of the Smart Meter / AMI project. The meter installation portion of the project is rapidly reaching conclusion. Mr. Wentz stated that staff and the contractor have agreed the final number of meters needed to complete the project.

Change Order 4: Increases the contract amount for the following:

- 1" meters by 2
- 1 ½" meters by 8
- 1 ½" Register replacements by 15
- 2" meters by 15
- 2" register replacements by 18
- 4" meters by 1
- 4" register replacements by 4
- 6" meters by 1
- 6" register replacements by 1
- 3S/4S non RD meters by 12
- 35S/5S Commercial meters by 16
- 16S Commercial meters by 14

This change order also reduces the contractor amount for the following:

- 2S / RD Residential meters by 22
- 3S / 4S non RD meters by 13
- 12S RD meters by 2

Mr. Wentz stated that as a result of change order 4, the net increase in project cost is \$56,015.95. He stated there are several causes for Change Order 4, including replacement of inactive meters, unclear data during the contract negotiation process, etc.

Mr. Wentz stated that in November 2015, council approved Change Orders 1 and 2, with a combined total of \$19,269.55. At the February 16 meeting, council approved Change Order 3, increasing the project cost by \$44,677.32. The three previous change orders result in a project increase of \$63,946.87. Approval of change order 4 would result in a total project increase of \$119,962.82, and a total project cost of \$3,619,962.82. This represents a 3.43% increase in the original cost of the project.

Mr. Wentz stated that \$200,000 in contingency is reserved for this project and that if Change Order 4 is approved, \$80,037.18 remains in contingency.

Council Member Wes Weaver asked if there would be a reduction in cost to indemnify the city. Mr. Wentz stated that the time to pay has been extended and that no contractual method was in place to ask for a reduction.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That Change Order 4 (Final) for AMI be - APPROVED

### **C. Presentation – Marketing Video**

Public Information Officer Alex Frick presented the first of five marketing video for the City of Newton.

Council Member Wes Weaver stated that the video was great, and hoped that future videos would focus more on family and the school system.

### **ITEM 8: City Manager's Report**

#### **Meetings**

- March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> Police Department Self Defense Class – both classes full with 35 participants
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt, Southside Park 2 p.m.
- April 11-May 23 – Citizens Police Academy \*Applications due April 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – Tour of Catawba Nuclear Station
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Unity Day, Newton-Conover Auditorium 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – WPCOG Policy Board Meeting hosted by City of Newton at Newton Fire Headquarters – 6 p.m.
- Free compost is available at the Boston Road Facility

#### **Budget Workshop**

- May 2, 2016 Presentation of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget to City Council
- May 5, 2016
- May 10, 2016
- May 12, 2016

Tentative Dates if needed:

- May 17, 2016
- May 18, 2016
- May 19, 2016
- June 7, 2016 Public Hearing and Budget Adoption

**All Workshops will begin at 5:15 p.m.**

#### **Projects**

- The City was awarded the NCDOT Pedestrian Planning Grant

#### **Awards and Certifications**

- The Electric Department was Awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Reliability from the American Public Power Association

- Ronnie Ingram earned his designation as a Certified Local Government Finance Officer (CLGFO)

**ITEM 9: Questions and Comments from Mayor and Council**

Mayor Anne P. Stedman asked if any Council Members would like to make any comments. There were none.

Mayor Stedman gave a report on the DNDA. She stated that priorities were:

- Branding and Marketing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Story living
- Work Plan
- Spooktacular
- Light Up the Town
- Foothills Folk Art Festival

Mayor Stedman also gave a report on the Human Relations Committee and the date for Unity Day: May 22, 2016.

**ITEM 10: Closed Session to Consult with the City Attorney – G.S. 143-318-11(a)(4)**

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the City Council enter CLOSED SESSION per G.S. 143-318-11(a)(4)

Council Member Wes Weaver made the motion to go back into open session, which was seconded by Council Member John Stiver, All Ayes.

**ITEM 11: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Meeting be – ADJOURNED

---

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk




---

Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

# CITY OF NEWTON

## Inter-office Correspondence

**TO:** E. Todd Clark, City Manager **DATE:** March 16, 2016

**RE:** Tax Releases – February 2016

**FROM:** Serina T. Hinson, Finance Director

The following tax releases have been received from the Catawba County Tax Collector. The reason for each release is annotated beside the name.

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Tax Release Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount of Release</b>
2015	60	Hemphill, Martha J	Small underpayment	\$0.46
2014	61	Key Properties of Lincolnton, Inc.	Small underpayment	\$0.49
2015	62	Mack, Richard	Property Sold in 2014	\$5.89
2015	63	Petree, Frances N	Small underpayment	\$0.40
2015	64	Roberts, Alan D	Small underpayment	\$0.49
2015	65	Travis, Billy H	Small underpayment	\$0.05

Should you have any questions or need clarification, please notify. Releases are submitted as required by NCGS § 105-381(b).



# CITY OF NEWTON

## Sewer Adjustments

**TO:** E. Todd Clark, City Manager **DATE:** March 29, 2016

**RE:** Sewer Adjustments – April 5, 2016

**FROM:** Serina Hinson, Finance Director

The following sewer adjustment is recommended for approval. The adjustment is recommended as a result of a water leak at the service address or a pool fill up.

Account Number	Name	Service Address	Adjustment Period	Amount of Adjustment
34001480-001	Joyce L Miller	1310 N. Main Ave.	Dec - Feb	\$112.17

Backup documentation to support each adjustment is on file in the Finance Department. Should you have questions or require further clarification, please notify.

## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** child abuse prevention is a community effort and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people throughout the community; and
- Whereas,** child abuse and neglect is an ongoing tragedy and
- Whereas,** the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and
- Whereas,** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and
- Whereas,** all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANNE P. STEDMAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2016 AS

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In the City of Newton and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ Day of April, 2016



\_\_\_\_\_  
Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Falowski, City Clerk

# PROCLAMATION

## Linemen Appreciation Day

### April 18, 2016

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newton celebrates the profession of Linemen; and

**WHEREAS**, their profession requires passion, dedication and ongoing training; and

**WHEREAS**, linemen are often first responders during storms working to repair broken electrical lines to make the area safe for other public safety officers; and

**WHEREAS**, linemen must work power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing; and

**WHEREAS**, linemen must often work under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, linemen put their lives on the line every day with little recognition from the community regarding the danger of their work; and

**WHEREAS**, The U. S. House of Representative recognizes the efforts of linemen in keeping the power on and protecting public safety and supports the designation of National Linemen Appreciation Day; and

**WHEREAS**, 114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS 1st Session, H. RES. 136 designated April 18, 2016 as the National Lineman Appreciation Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Anne P. Stedman, Mayor of the City of Newton hereby proclaim Monday, April 18, 2016 as “Lineman Appreciation Day”.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Newton, North Carolina.

**PROCLAIMED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

---

Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

---

Amy Falowski, City Clerk



# PROCLAMATION

## Volunteer Week in Catawba County

WHEREAS, the foundation of a humane and just society is the people's willingness to work together for the common good; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of millions of caring people is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, self-sacrificing individuals mobilized to help others can stem the tide of poverty, hunger, homelessness, spouse and child abuse, and other problems that afflict society; and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, volunteering creates an opportunity to better oneself; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of all our citizens to honor our dedicated volunteers and celebrate the volunteer programs that contribute to the life of our communities throughout Catawba County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Newton City Council, does hereby proclaim April 10-16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as "Volunteer Week in Catawba County" and urges our fellow citizens to observe this period by considering how they can devote a portion of their lives each week to people in need, or to an important cause or group.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016.

---

Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

---

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



# **Proclamation**

## **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**

### **April 10-16, 2016**

**Whereas** emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services;

**And Whereas** when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property;

**And Whereas** the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependant upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Newton Police Department communications center;

**And Whereas** Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services;

**And Whereas** Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety;

**And Whereas** Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Newton Police Department have contributed substantially to the safety and general welfare of Newton citizens;

**And Whereas** each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

**Therefore** Be It Resolved that the City Council of Newton declares the week of April 10 through 16, 2016 to be National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in the city of Newton, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016



---

Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

# Proclamation

## Recognition of the Vietnam Veterans

**WHEREAS**, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration gives us the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 - May 15, 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partners to honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans, including all 106 Chapters of the North Carolina Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Daughters American Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, this commemoration includes the nine million Americans, approximately 7 million living today, who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during this period, and makes no distinction between those who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years – all answered the call of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Veteran's Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29, 2016, March 29th the last day that U.S. troops were on the ground in Vietnam, as a day to honor those who have "borne the battle," and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families; now

**THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Anne P. Stedman of the City of Newton, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016 as

### **WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY**

In the City of Newton

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

---

Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

---

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



# **CITY OF NEWTON**

## **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

---

**DATE:** March 31, 2016

**TO:** E. Todd Clark, City Manager

**FROM:** Sandra Waters, Parks and Recreation Director

**CONSIDERATION OF:** Budget Ordinance Amendment to Recognize Contributions for the Jacob Fork Disc Golf Course Project.

### **Approved for Council Consideration**

---

We would like to recognize the generous contributions for the Jacob Fork Disc Golf Course Project. This project has resulted in numerous contributions from local businesses and individuals, some of which have made multiple contributions for a total of \$17,034. Those contributors are as follows: Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet, Academy Sports, Lee Industries, Carolina Glove, Eric S. Juarez, Geppeto's Pizza, and Dr. Steven Frye.

Disc golf utilizes a flying disc in lieu of a ball and clubs. The object is much like traditional golf in which the player tries to complete each hole with the fewest strokes or in the case of disc golf, the fewest throws. The disc is thrown from a tee area to a target which is the hole. Each consecutive throw must be made from the spot of the previous throw. The course is designed around the trees, shrubs and terrain to provide challenging obstacles.

The Jacob Fork Disc Golf Course will be a championship disc golf course once fully complete. The "championship" designation will enable the City to hold disc golf tournaments. The course will encompass approximately 20 acres of the interior portion of the Jacob Fork Park, and it will be configured to serve not only beginners but players with advanced skills. The \$17,034 will not complete the entire course; however, it will complete the first 9 holes of the course, as well as the design of the course, clearing of the land, the 19 baskets (19<sup>th</sup> basket is practice basket), tee pads, signage at each hole (rules before the first tee, directional, boundary and par signs), etc. Anticipated completion of the first 9 holes would be around August 2016.

### **ACTION SUGGESTED:**

Motion to approve the attached Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize \$17,034 in contributions for the Jacob Fork Disc Golf Course.

ORDINANCE # 2016-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newton have adopted a Budget Ordinance for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, City Council would like to recognize the generous contributions for the Jacob Fork Disc Golf Project. This project has resulted in numerous contributions from local businesses and individuals, some of which have made multiple contributions for a total of \$17,034. Those contributors are as follows: Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet, Academy Sports, Lee Industries, Carolina Glove, Eric S. Juarez, Geppeto's Pizza, and Dr. Steven Frye; and

WHEREAS, Disc golf utilizes a flying disc in lieu of a ball and clubs. The object is much like traditional golf in which the player tries to complete each hole with the fewest strokes or in the case of disc golf, the fewest throws. The disc is thrown from a tee area to a target which is the hole. Each consecutive throw must be made from the spot of the previous throw. The course is designed around the trees, shrubs and terrain to provide challenging obstacles; and

WHEREAS, The Jacob Fork Disc Golf Project will be a championship disc golf course once fully complete. The "championship" designation will enable the City to hold disc golf tournaments. The course will encompass approximately 20 acres of the interior portion of the Jacob Fork Park, and it will be configured to serve not only beginners but players with advanced skills. The \$17,034 will not complete the entire course; however, it will complete the first 9 holes of the course, as well as the design of the course, clearing of the land, the 19 baskets (19<sup>th</sup> basket is practice basket), tee pads, signage at each hole (rules before the first tee, directional, boundary and par signs), etc. Anticipated completion of the first 9 holes would be around August 2016.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to recognize the contributions for the Jacob Fork Disc Golf Project and to authorize the related expenditure appropriation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

THE FOLLOWING SOURCE OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION ARE HEREBY APPROVED:

General Fund Revenues		
Spec Proj. Contrib/Other Grant	11-0000.3845	\$17,050
General Fund Appropriations		
Capital Outlay - Other	11-6122.8990	\$17,050



Adopted this 5th day of April, 2016.

Attest:

---

Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

---

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



## **Proposed Disc Golf Course at Jacob Fork Park**

I am very excited about the current design and believe people will travel to Newton specifically to play disc golf at Jacob Fork Park. The back nine is ready to be marked and constructed. I recommend we currently hold on finalizing the front nine until the footprint for the soccer field and parking has been completed. We likely will not be able to install disc golf holes 6 and 7 until grading has been completed, unless we want to move forward with a temporary design and hole layout to then be moved once grading is completed. Recommended list of foliage and clearing to be completed at this point is at the end of this document.

### **Overall Course Features:**

- 9 Feature Holes and one Honorary Hole
- 12 Holes with Out of Bounds hazards
- Several holes include water features, steep greens and breathtaking tees
- Old Growth area near river and hole number 5
- Multiple par 4s and several potential par 5 holes – championship distance
- Kiosk and practice basket area in front of parking lot right next to wetland and swamp area – great spot for potential boardwalk; bird watching
- Mix of open and wooded holes, with 4 “bomber” holes
- Design fits current foot print without interfering with other park amenities

### **Proposed Front Nine:**

#### **Hole Number 1: Holy Me Shivers**

- Feature Hole
- Pro Par 3 and 4
- Recreation Par 4 to 5
- 222 yards from electric pole to pole
- Approximate distance ranges from 368 (short basket); 694 left basket on creek; 758 feet to edge of creek
- Out of bounds - entire right side of fairway in swamp area as well as out of bounds in river behind two longer basket placements

#### Hole Number 2: Keep it Tight

- Pro Par 4
- Recreation Par 5
- approximate distance of 590 feet
- tight woods on both sides of the fairway playing back to road
- Out of bounds - road and beyond

#### Hole Number 3: "J"

- Honorary Hole
- Pro Par 3
- Recreation Par 3
- approximate distance of 293ft
- Out of bounds - right side of entire fairway; road and beyond

#### Hole Number 4: Mounded

- Feature Hole
- Pro Par 3
- Recreation Par 3
- approximate distance of 247ft
- Out of bounds - Picnic area and Beyond Fence

#### Hole Number 5: Down by the River

- Pro Par 3
- Recreation Par 4
- plays to corner of soccer field through old growth trees
- two tee pads, one right next to river
- approximate distance of 310ft
- Out of bounds – river's edge and parking area for soccer field

Hole Number 6 – 7 are too thick to walk or throw

#### Hole Number 8: On Golden Pond

- Feature Hole
- Pro Par 3
- Recreation Par 3
- approximate distance of 227ft
- Basket sits right on edge of sediment pond
- Out of bounds – surrounded by water

#### Hole Number 9: Straight as an Arrow

- Feature Hole
- Pro par 3 and par 4 from long teepad
- Recreation Par 4
- Short tee plays left of softball field; long tee in front of utility poles
- approximate distance 346ft to 493
- Out of bounds - over fence, on path or in parking area/road

#### **Proposed Back Nine:**

#### Hole Number 10: Hold on Tight

- Feature Hole
- Pro par 3 (short tee pad) and 4 (long tee pad)
- Recreation Par 4 and 5
- plays to the right of road with two tee pads
- approximate distance of 369ft from short tee pad and 543ft from long
- Out of bounds - road and right

#### Hole Number 11: The Pines

- Pro par 3
- Recreation par 3
- plays up wooded corridor to right of main road
- approximate distance of 310ft
- slightly uphill to elevated basket

#### Hole Number 12: Power Down

- Pro par 3 short basket and par 4 long basket
- Recreation par 3 and 4
- Plays right of power station in flat area then downhill slightly left to right
- Great drop off for par 4 location
- Approximate distance of 270ft and 441ft
- Out of bounds – over fence

#### Hole Number 13: Cliff Hanger

- Feature Hole
- Pro par 3 short basket and 4 to long basket
- Recreation par 4 and 5
- Long Teepad sits up above power pole to left in front of sediment pond area; short pad is further downhill below power pole
- two basket placements; one position on beautiful creek area and other one is left side of power line on steep embankment near woods
- approximate distance of 310ft and 453ft

#### Hole Number 14: Soft Landings

- Pro par 3
- Recreation par 4
- plays left of electric pole down over the end of the ravine
- approximate distance of 320ft

#### Hole Number 15: Ravine

- Pro par 3
- Recreation par 3
- plays along left side of ravine and curves right uphill slightly
- approximate distance of 278
- Out of bounds- left of the Ravine right side

Hole number 15 could also be extended to excellent par 4 if it is okay to cross mountain bike trail there – it is not a blind shot

#### Hole Number 16: Sky to Hills

- Feature Hole
- Pro par 3 to par 5 depending on one of three pads
- Recreation par 4 to 6
- First pad short of lower bike trail, 2<sup>nd</sup> pad (middle) above middle bike trail and 3<sup>rd</sup> pad off very top of hill in front of 3<sup>rd</sup> bike trail
- approximate distance ranges from 318 (short), 678 (middle), 843 (long)

#### Hole Number 17: Beach Tree Creek

- Feature Hole
- Pro par 3 to 5 depending on 3 basket locations
- Recreation par the same
- Plays from beach tree at flat area right of creek to flat area below power pole and over creek to short basket location; then uphill through tight wooded gap to other two basket locations; finishes right of wooden fence beyond bike mound area
- Out of bounds - creek and right of creek in early portion of hole, then over wooden fence

#### Hole Number 18: Oh Yeah

- Feature Hole
- Pro par 3 from short tee pad and 4 from long
- Recreation par 4 from short tee pad and 5 from long
- Plays below the mountain bike mound area
- Long pad tucked back in the woods 130ft or so, adding tight wooded alley
- Approximate distances of 345 and 475
- Out of bounds - bike area, over path, in water retention area near basket and road beyond





# **CITY OF NEWTON**

## **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

---

**DATE:** March 30, 2016

**TO:** E. Todd Clark, City Manager

**FROM:** Donald G. Brown II, Chief of Police

**CONSIDERATION OF:** Adopt Budget Ordinance to recognize revenue and authorize expenditure appropriation within the Police Department Budget.

**Approved for Council Consideration**

---

### **Background:**

In the summer of 2015 Officer Caleb Costner expressed interest in beginning a Police Explorer program for the City of Newton Police Department. The police department has been without an Explorer program since the mid-1990s. The previous Newton police department Explorer program developed several individuals throughout the 1990s who today have successful careers in local and state law enforcement. The Police Explorer program is designed to provide dedicated training and other activities to young people involved in the Law Enforcement Exploring. Participation is open to all candidates between the ages of 14-20.

Officer Costner spent the summer and winter months of 2015 gathering information and gauging support from interested participants. As word spread teenagers became interested in the program and registered for the first class, which was held on January 5, 2016. The participants meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings at the Newton Police Complex where they are taught about law enforcement and related issues and receive training from Newton officers.

As a result of Officer Costner's hard work and dedication to this program, local residents and businesses have donated funds to support this effort. Dana's Fine Jewelry Inc. donated \$100.00, Newton Drug Co. LLC (dba HealthSmart Pharmacy) donated \$200.00 and ServiceMaster Restoration Services donated \$200.00 to be used specifically for supporting the Newton Police Explorer program. These funds will be used to purchase uniforms and other equipment used by the Explorers for training, community service projects and possible statewide competitions.

### **Summary:**

The Newton Police Department has received \$100.00 from Dana's Fine Jewelry Inc., \$200.00 from Newton Drug Co. LLC., (dba HealthSmart Pharmacy) and \$200.00 from ServiceMaster Restoration Services to be used in support of the Newton Police Department Explorer program.

### **Requested Action:**

Motion to adopt the attached budget ordinance to recognize revenue and authorize the expenditure appropriation in the Police Department operating budget.



## ORDINANCE # 2016-6

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newton have adopted a Budget Ordinance for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to recognize contributions for the Police Explorer Program. The Police Explorer Program is designed to provide dedicated training and other activities to young people involved in the Law Enforcement Exploring. Participation is open to all candidates between the ages of fourteen and twenty. Local residents and businesses have donated funds to support this effort: Dana's Fine Jewelry Inc. donated \$100, Newton Drug Co., LLC (dba HealthSmart Pharmacy) donated \$200, and ServiceMaster Restoration Services donated \$200. These funds were donated to be used specifically for supporting the Newton Police Explorer Program. These funds will be utilized to purchase uniforms and other equipment used by the Explorers for training, community service projects and possible statewide competitions; and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to recognize the contributions and authorize the related expenditure appropriation within the Police Department's respective operating budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

THE FOLLOWING SOURCE OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

#### General Fund Revenues

Special Project Contributions/Other Grants	11-0000.3845	\$500
--	--------------	-------

#### General Fund Appropriations

Miscellaneous	11-4310.7990	\$500
---------------	--------------	-------

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2016.

---

Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

Attest:

---

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



## **CITY OF NEWTON REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

---

**DATE:** March 31, 2016

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

**CONSIDERATION OF:** Appointment to Boards and Commissions

Members of City Council, I would like to recommend the appointment of the following:

**Board and Commission Appointment**

Edward (Ed) T. Sain – Parks and Recreation Commission

# Board and/or Committee Application

City of Newton  
PO Box 550  
Newton, NC 28658  
828-695-4300



Name Edward (Ed) T. SAIN

Mailing Address 806 South MAIN Ave.

Home Address SAME AS ABOVE

Work Phone# NONE Home# 828-381-7006 Cell# 828-381-7006

Resident of the city Yes/No Number of Years 30 years

Business owner in the city Yes/No Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Recreation Board/Committee?

I love being Active and doing so  
in our Community where we are fortunate  
enough to have such a great recreation Dept.

2. What is your professional and educational background?

Graduate of Hickory High School, Graduate of  
CVCC (COTE) Automotive program, Graduate of  
Mercedes Benz Master Technician program.

3. Do you have special skills, experience or background which would assist you in working on this Board/Committee?

Have Coached Baseball, Football, and  
Basketball as a member of Startown Optimists.

4. How did you hear about this Board/Committee vacancy?

City Council Members

Edward T. Sain (Ed)  
Signature

2-11-16  
Date

Thank you for your interest in the City of Newton and specifically your interest in being considered for a city board or committee. You along with other applicants will be considered for any current vacancies. Upon submittal to the city this application and the information provided herein will be kept on file with the city and be considered public information